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SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY, 1899–1900.

Your Recording Secretary respectfully submits this, the *sixth annual report*, for the period beginning with the thirty-seventh regular meeting of the Society, Monday evening, February 6, 1899, and ending with and including this, the sixth annual meeting, Monday evening, January 8, 1900.

During the year the Board of Managers has elected to active membership 30 persons. There have been two resignations and two deaths: William Whitney Godding, M.D., and Lawrence Gardner, both of whom were charter members; leaving a total membership of 126.

The Society has held seven meetings, all of which were in the banquet hall of the Shoreham. Eleven papers have been presented and one unwritten address, while 47 persons have participated in the ensuing discussions. The average attendance has been 97; the largest being at the May and December meetings when the audience numbered about 150; the smallest 50, at the February meeting. The Board of Managers has held nine meetings at which the average attendance has been 9; the largest 12, and the smallest 6.

During the year the Society has issued the second volume of its Records, a work of 318 pages enriched by 19 illustrations. Under the supervision of Mr. W. B. Bryan a Bibliography of the District of Columbia has been prepared and data is now being collected by the Recording Secretary for a list of names of residents of the District in 1800 whose descendants are still living here. Over one hundred letters have been received in response to the Society's press notices on this subject, many of them containing valuable and interesting bits of local history not elsewhere recorded. Finally, kindred societies in Texas, New Hampshire and Alabama have requested to be placed on our Society's exchange list.

MARY STEVENS BEALL,
Recording Secretary.

January 8, 1900.